

# Free Palestine!

ZIONISM  
IS  
RACISM!

Israel  
is an  
Apartheid  
State!

End the occupation!

## BOYCOTT ISRAEL!

### STOP US AID TO ISRAEL NOW!

**Agree or disagree--  
these statements are NOT  
"defamatory language."**

DCGA has before it tonight a resolution in condemnation of the incident at Rutgers Hillel of October 23, 2002. While property destruction--the writing in permanent marker on the Hillel dry-erase board--may indeed be of valid concern to DCGA, the body need not express its concern by labeling what was written and chalked "defamatory." Hillel, as a campus institution, has participated in numerous political activities and events, and has been heavily involved with the campus "Israel advocacy" groups, providing institutional support and scheduling strategy sessions. It is a political space that can be--and will be--the subject of political debate. Property destruction is not justified--however, these slogans are not "defamatory." This clause should be eliminated from the resolution before the body.

New Jersey Solidarity and other concerned students and community members are motivated by a very real concern about the "chilling effect" of such a resolution. We have already witnessed several students questioned by the police in relation to the incident--solely because of their political beliefs and activities, as student government members and activists. As organizers for justice in Palestine, we are deeply concerned by the central slogans of our movement being labeled as "defamatory language", inhibiting our ability to speak, organize and act in support of the just Palestinian struggle for national liberation. We recognize that many people disagree with us. However, it is incumbent on everybody--regardless of affiliation--to stand up in support of expression, and remove the clause describing these slogans as "defamatory language."